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ELEVENTH PLAN APPROACH PAPER .
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Planning Commission submitted the first draft of eleventh Plan Approach Paper after a delay of five months;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor;

(c) The broad features and guidelines contemplated in the draft paper; and

(d) The tentative targets worked out for various areas of Economic and Social Development including Education, Health and Social Justice?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a)& (b): In its 51st meeting held on 27th and 28th June, 2005, the National Development Council (NDC) directed that the Planning Commission should prepare the Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan by the end of December, 2005. A draft Approach to the Eleventh Five Year Plan has been prepared for consultations with the different stake holders, viz. the State Governments, various ministries/departments of Government of India, academicians / experts. It has also been placed in the web-site of the Planning Commission to invite comments from public at large on 19th June 2006.

(c): The broad objectives of Eleventh Five Year Plan as per the draft Approach Paper include accelerating the growth rate of 8.5 per cent for the economy, 3.9 per cent for agriculture sector and over 9 per cent for industry and services sector. It also aims at inclusive development by empowerment through education, comprehensive strategy for better health, reduction of poverty, creating more employment opportunities as well as improving the rural infrastructure. In addition, it aims at reducing the rural-urban disparities and more balanced regional development, and improving the lot of those left behind viz. the SCs, STs, minorities and women.

(d): The targets for the various areas of economic and social development, including Education, Health and Social Justice, corresponding to 8.5 per cent rate of growth, have not been specified.